



Department of State

TELEGRAM

UNCLASSIFIED

AN: 0600338-0629

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 BRUSSE 11609 142043Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 NEA-07 ADS-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-02
INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 SP-02 SS-15
ICA-15 ACDA-12 SMS-01 IO-15 HA-05 OMB-01 TRSE-00
EB-08 /121 W

-----004563 142217Z /15

R 141109Z JUL 80
FM AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2335
INFO ALL EC CAPITALS
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR

REVIEWED BY Lisa Kelley DATE 8/14/89
() ~~EXEMPT~~ () DECLASSIFY
() ~~EXEMPT~~ () DECLASSIFY in PART
() DENY () Non-responsive info.
FOL EO or PA exemptions _____

UNCLAS BRUSSELS 11609

USEEC

TS authority to:
() CLASSIFY as _____, OADR
() DOWNGRADE TS to () S or () G, OADR

E.O.: 12965: N/A

TAGS: EEC, EP, AF, UR, MOPS, PINS

SUBJECT: REPRESENTATIVES OF AFGHAN RESISTANCE MOVEMENTS
APPEAR AT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

1. SAYID AHMED GAILANI, PRESIDENT OF THE ISLAMIC NATIONAL COUNCIL, AND MOHAMMED HABIB OF THE FEDERATION OF AFGHAN STUDENTS ABROAD, CAME TO THE JULY SESSION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT IN STRASBOURG AT THE INVITATION OF EURO-MPS LORD BETHELL (UK CONSERVATIVE), JIRI PELIKAN AND RIPA DE MEANA (ITALIAN SOCIALISTS) AND MRS. MACCIOCHI (ITALIAN RADICAL). THEY MET WITH VARIOUS EURO-MPS TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN, BUT REPORTEDLY DID NOT MEET WITH EP PRESIDENT SIMONE VEIL.

2. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 10, GAILANI AND HABIB CLAIMED THAT THE AFGHAN RESISTANCE MOVEMENT CONTROLLED APPROXIMATELY 80 PERCENT OF THE COUNTRY. HE APPEALED FOR ANTI-TANK AND ANTI-HELICOPTER WEAPONS AND CHARGED THAT THE SOVIETS WERE USING THE MOST SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS, "SOME

UNCLASSIFIED
UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 BRUSSE 11609 142043Z

OF WHICH ARE BANNED BY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS." GAILANI

UNCLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

ALSO APPEALED FOR MORE POLITICAL PRESSURE TO BE EXERTED ON THE SOVIET UNION, MAINTAINING THAT THE SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN WAS NOT A LOCALIZED MATTER. HABIB CHARGED THAT THE ANNOUNCED WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET TROOPS AND THE SO-CALLED BREZHNEV-KARMAL PLAN WERE NOTHING MORE THAN "MANEUVERS TO OBTAIN INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF THE KARMAL GOVERNMENT AND THUS SOVIET MANIPULATION."

3. COMMENT: VISIT RECEIVED SURPRISINGLY LITTLE PRESS PLAY. ACCORDING TO ONE CORRESPONDENT, THERE WAS NO NEW ELEMENT. MOREOVER, PRESS CONFERENCE WAS ILL-TIMED TAKING PLACE JUST PRIOR TO EC COMMISSIONER TUGENDHAT'S PRESENTATION OF THE 1981 BUDGET. LAMB

UNCLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED